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1 RECEIVED 2 2009 FEB 27 P 1: 24 3 BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION AZ CORP COMMISSION Arizona Corporation Commission 4 DOCKET CONTROL DOCKETED **COMMISSIONERS** 5 MIKE GLEASON, Chairman 6 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL JEFF HATCH-MILLER DOCKETED BY 7 KRISTIN K. MAYES **GARY PIERCE** 8 In the matter of: DOCKET NO. S-20582A-08-0111 9 ASSET SALVATION GROUP, L.L.C., an TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND 10 Arizona limited liability company; DESIST AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING 11 JACK ROBERT ERICKSON, SR., individually and as trustee of JRE HOLDINGS) 12 TRUST, and JANE DOE ERICKSON, husband and wife; 13 JRE HOLDINGS TRUST, an Arizona 14 trust/unincorporated entity; and, 15 DUST TO DREAM DEVELOPMENT GROUP, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability 16 company, 17 Respondents. 18

NOTICE: THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

EACH RESPONDENT HAS 20 DAYS TO REQUEST A HEARING

EACH RESPONDENT HAS 30 DAYS TO FILE AN ANSWER

The Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") alleges that respondents ASSET SALVATION GROUP, L.L.C.; JACK ROBERT ERICKSON, SR.; JANE DOE ERICKSON; JRE HOLDINGS TRUST; and, DUST TO DREAM DEVELOPMENT GROUP, L.L.C. are engaging in or are about to engage in acts and practices that constitute violations of A.R.S. § 44-1801, et seq., the Arizona Securities Act ("Securities Act") and that the public welfare requires immediate action.

I.

JURISDICTION

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and the Securities Act.

II.

RESPONDENTS

- 2. ASSET SALVATION GROUP, L.L.C. ("ASG") is an Arizona limited liability company with a last known principal place of business in Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 3. JACK ROBERT ERICKSON, SR. ("ERICKSON") is an individual last known to reside in Maricopa County, Arizona. ERICKSON is the sole manager and a member of ASG and he is the trustee of JRE HOLDINGS TRUST.
- 4. JRE HOLDINGS TRUST ("JRE") is an Arizona trust/unincorporated entity with a last known principal place of business in Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 5. DUST TO DREAM DEVELOPMENT GROUP, L.L.C. ("DTD") is an Arizona limited liability company with a last known principal place of business in Maricopa County, Arizona. ERICKSON is the sole manager and a member of DTD, along with JRE.
- 6. JANE DOE ERICKSON has been at all relevant times the spouse of Respondent ERICKSON and may be referred to as "Respondent Spouse." Respondent Spouse is joined in this action under A.R S. §44-2031(C) solely for purposes of determining the liability of the marital community.
- 7. At all relevant times, Respondent ERICKSON has been acting for his own benefit and for the benefit or in furtherance of the marital community.
- 8. Respondents ASG, ERICKSON, JRE, and DTD may be referred to collectively as "Respondents."

III.

FACTS

- 9. From at least December 2005 to the present, Respondents have been publicly offering and selling unregistered limited liability company membership interests in ASG, in part via the Internet website www.thevaluecompanies.com that attracts potential investors with the statement, "You CAN use your IRA account to Invest in Real Estate" (emphasis in original).
- 10. Requiring a minimum investment of \$10,000.00, Respondents represent that investors' money will be placed into certificates of deposit (CD's) to secure lines of credit to purchase real estate/options on real estate and that investors will earn returns on their investments as follows: "Worst case projection...27%. Best case projection...102%. An annual return of 300% will be achieved on option positions..." Respondents also represent that investors shall have "no interest in the property owned by [ASG]," that they "shall take no part whatever in the control, management, direction, or operation of [ASG]," and that they "have the option to opt out" and receive a refund of their investments by giving written notice.
- 11. Respondents sold at least one, \$10,000.00 limited liability company membership interest in ASG to an Arizona investor whose money was not placed into a CD to secure a line of credit to purchase real estate. Not only did this investor NOT receive any return on the investment, Respondents failed to return the investor's principal as requested in writing. This investor's money was deposited by ASG, transferred to JRE, and used by ERICKSON for personal expenses.
- 12. Respondents made no representations regarding the risks of investment by and through IRA accounts or the risks associated with the fact that investors have neither an interest in the property owned by ASG nor any part whatever in the control, management, direction, or operation of ASG.

IV. 1 **VIOLATION OF A.R.S. § 44-1841** 2 (Offer and Sale of Unregistered Securities) 3 Since at least December 2005, Respondents have been offering or selling securities 13. 4 in the form of limited liability company membership interests and/or investment contracts, within or 5 from Arizona. 6 The securities referred to above are not registered pursuant to Articles 6 or 7 of the 14. 7 Securities Act. 8 15. This conduct violates A.R.S. § 44-1841. 9 V. 10 VIOLATION OF A.R.S. § 44-1842 11 (Transactions by Unregistered Dealers or Salesmen) 12 16. Respondents are offering or selling securities within or from Arizona while not 13 registered as dealers or salesmen pursuant to Article 9 of the Securities Act. 14 17. This conduct violates A.R.S. § 44-1842. 15 VI. 16 VIOLATION OF A.R.S. § 44-1991 17 (Fraud in Connection with the Offer or Sale of Securities) 18 In connection with the offer or sale of securities within or from Arizona, 18. 19 Respondents are, directly or indirectly: (i) employing a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud; (ii) 20 making untrue statements of material fact or omitting to state material facts that are necessary in 21 order to make the statements made not misleading in light of the circumstances under which they are 22 made; or (iii) engaging in transactions, practices, or courses of business that operate or would 23 operate as a fraud or deceit upon offerees and investors. Respondents' conduct includes, but is not 24

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limited to, the following:

1	a) Failing to disclose to offerees and investors that investor money would be
2	used for ERICKSON'S personal expenses;
3	b) Misrepresenting to offerees and investors that their money would be
4	deposited into CD's to secure lines of credit to purchase real estate/options on real estate;
5	c) Misrepresenting to offerees and investors that they would earn substantial
6	returns on their investments;
7	d) Misrepresenting to offerees and investors that they could opt out and receive
8	a refund of their investments by giving written notice;
9	e) Failing to disclose to offerees and investors any risks associated with their
10	investments.
1	19. This conduct violates A.R.S. § 44-1991.
2	VII.
13	TEMPORARY ORDER
4	Cease and Desist from Violating the Securities Act
15	THEREFORE, based on the above allegations, and because the Commission has determined
16	that the public welfare requires immediate action,
۱7	IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1972(C) and A.A.C. R14-4-307, that
18	Respondents, their agents, servants, employees, successors, assigns, and those persons in active
19	concert or participation with Respondents CEASE AND DESIST from any violations of the
20	Securities Act.
21	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Temporary Order to Cease and Desist shall remain in
22	effect for 180 days unless sooner vacated, modified, or made permanent by the Commission.
23	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be effective immediately.
24	VIII.
25	REQUESTED RELIEF
26	The Division requests that the Commission grant the following relief:

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1. Order Respondents to permanently cease and desist from violating the Securities Act pursuant to A.R.S. §44-2032;

- 2. Order Respondents to take affirmative action to correct the conditions resulting from Respondents' acts, practices, or transactions, including a requirement to make restitution pursuant to A.R.S. §44-2032;
- 3. Order Respondents to pay the state of Arizona administrative penalties of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each violation of the Securities Act, pursuant to A.R.S. §44-2036;
- 4. Order that the marital communities of Respondents and Respondent Spouse are subject to any order of restitution, rescission, administrative penalties, or other appropriate affirmative action pursuant to A.R.S. §25-215; and,
 - 5. Order any other relief that the Commission deems appropriate.

IX.

HEARING OPPORTUNITY

§44-1972 and A.A.C. Rule 14-4-307. If a Respondent or Respondent Spouse requests a

hearing, the requesting Respondent or Respondent Spouse must also answer this Temporary

Order and Notice. A request for hearing must be in writing and received by the Commission

within 20 days after service of this Temporary Order and Notice. The requestor must deliver or mail

the request for hearing to Docket Control, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 W. Washington,

Each Respondent, including Respondent Spouse, may request a hearing pursuant to A.R.S.

Phoenix, AZ 85007. Filing instructions may be obtained from Docket Control by calling (602) 542-3477 or on the Commission's Internet web site at www.azcc.gov/divisions/hearings/docket.asp. If a request for hearing is timely made, the Commission shall schedule a hearing to begin 10 to 30 days from the receipt of the request unless otherwise provided by law, stipulated by the parties, or ordered by the Commission. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, this Temporary Order shall remain effective from the date a hearing is requested until a decision is entered. After a hearing, the Commission may vacate, modify, or make permanent this Temporary Order,

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with written findings of fact and conclusions of law. A permanent Order may include ordering restitution, assessing administrative penalties, or other action.

If a request for hearing is not timely made, the Division will request that the Commission make permanent this Temporary Order, with written findings of fact and conclusions of law, which may include ordering restitution, assessing administrative penalties, or other relief.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting Linda Hogan, ADA Coordinator, voice phone number 602/542-3931, e-mail <u>lhogan@azcc.gov</u>. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

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ANSWER REQUIREMENT

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-4-305, if a Respondent or Respondent Spouse requests a hearing, the requesting Respondent or Respondent Spouse must deliver or mail an Answer to this Temporary Order and Notice to Docket Control, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, within 30 calendar days after the date of service of this Temporary Order and Notice. Filing instructions may be obtained from Docket Control by calling (602)542-3477 or on the Commission's Internet web site at www.azcc.gov/divisions/hearings/docket.asp.

Additionally, the answering Respondent or Respondent Spouse must serve the Answer upon the Division. Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-4-303, service upon the Division may be made by mailing or by hand-delivering a copy of the Answer to the Division at 1300 West Washington, 3rd Floor, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, addressed to Aaron S. Ludwig, Esq.

The Answer shall contain an admission or denial of each allegation in this Temporary Order and Notice and the original signature of the answering Respondent or the Respondent's attorney. A statement of a lack of sufficient knowledge or information shall be considered a denial of an allegation. An allegation not denied shall be considered admitted.

When the answering Respondent intends in good faith to deny only a part or a qualification of an allegation, the Respondent shall specify that part or qualification of the allegation and shall admit the remainder. Respondent waives any affirmative defense not raised in the answer.

The officer presiding over the hearing may grant relief from the requirement to file an Answer for good cause shown.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION, this 27th day of February, 2008.

Matthew J. Neubert Director of Securities

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